No proposals have been made by the State Government for the remaining 3 Districts.

(b) Opening of a Navodaya Vidyalaya is based on receipt of suitable proposal from the concerned State/UT Government offering 30 acres of suitable land free of cost along with rent free sufficient temporary accommodation and other infrastructure which could accommodate 240 students and staff for three to four years or till Samiti constructs its own building at the permanent site. However, where there is extreme scarcity of land, the requirement of land is relaxable to a minimum of 10 acres, if found suitable in all respects.

(c) The contribution of State Government towards running the school is allotment of land free of cost and arrangement for providing rent free temporary accommodation till the Samiti constructs its own building. Besides, assistance is obtained for day to day administrative help in terms of electricity connections, road transport, conduct of examinations, medical facilities etc.

Kendriya Vidyalaya in Karnataka

1800. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas functioning in Karnataka;

(b) the number of new Kendriya Vidyalayas so far opened in the country during 2002-03;

(c) out of which, how many of them are in Karnataka;

(d) whether there is any demand from Karnataka for opening of more Kendriya Vidyalayas; and

(e) if so, the action if any, taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) At present, there are 32 Kendriya Vidyalayas functioning in Karnataka.

(b) Only one Kendriya Vidyalaya at Parbati Project, Sainj, Kullu (HP) under Project Sector has been opened during 2002-03.

(c) None, Sir.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. A final decision is yet to be taken.

University for tribal people of Orissa

1801. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tribal students of Kotpada, Jaypore, Malkangiri, Govindapali, Koraput, etc. of Orissa have demanded a university to promote higher education among the tribal community in the districts; and

(b) whether in view of genuine problems and difficulties faced by the tribal community as reported in the New Indian Express, Bhubaneswar of 30th December, 2002 any kind of help Centre propose to extend to the State of Orissa to meet this demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) According to the information received from the State Government of Orissa, such a demand has been projected. However, at present there is no proposal to establish a separate university for this purpose. Incidentally, Berhampur University is already catering to the needs of the tribals students of these districts also.

Kendriya Vidyalaya in Kerala

1802. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open new Kendriya Vidyalayas in various parts of the country on the basis of population;

(b) whether Government have identified any place in Kerala to start new Kendriya Vidyalayas;